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The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *Rector of Prince George, Winyaw.*
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The Rev. William H. Mitchell, *Rector of St. James', Santee.*
The Rev. Mellish J. Motte, *Deacon, Charleston.*
The Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. *residing at Rocky Mount.*
The Rev. Edward Neufville, *Deacon, Missionary to Prince William's, and the parts adjacent.*
The Rev. Thomas Osborne, *Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.*
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The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, *Rector of St. Luke's.*
The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.*
The Rev. William S. Wilson, *Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's, Stono.*

A List of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates,

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1825.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess of South-Carolina, and Rector of St. Michael's Church. Charleston.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Charleston.
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The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, St. John's, Colleton.
The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church.
The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon, Minister of St Paul's, Stono.
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The Rev. Edward Neufville, Deacon, Missionary to Prince William's and the parts adjacent.
The Rev. Edward Thomas, Deacon, Missionary to Fairfield District.

LAY-DELEGATES.

St. Michael's—David Alexander, the Hon. Samuel Prioleau, the Hon. William Drayton, Edward Brailsford, M. D. John Bay, William H. Gibbes, Daniel Ravenel, William Read, M. D.

St. Philip's—Thomas Corbett, John Gadsden, Thomas W. Bacot, Joseph Johnson, M. D.
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough—Edward H. Purcell, Laurence E. Dawson, Samuel Wragg.
Prince George, Winyaw—F. Withers, Col. John Porter.
All-Saints, Waccamaw—William B. Pringle.
St. Paul's, Stono—H. L. Alison, M. D.
St. Luke's—Robert Barnwell.
St. Helena, on St. Helena Island—Thomas A. Coffin.
Claremont—The Hon. Thomas Waties.
North Santee, Winyaw—Elias Horry, Joseph Manigault.
St. James', Goose Creek—Barnard E. Bee.
St. Paul's, Pendleton—Col. Thomas Pinckney, jun.
Prince William's—The Hon. C. J. Colcock, Frederick G. Fraser.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, did not attend the Convention:

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley.
The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector of St. Bartholomew's.
The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector of St. Luke's.
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The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena Church on St. Helena Island.
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Rector of St. Paul's, Pendleton.
The Rev. George W. Hathaway, Deacon, Minister of St. David's, Cheraw
The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Deacon, Missionary to St. Mark's, Williamsburgh.

The following Clergymen were admitted to the sittings of the Convention:

The Rev. Jasper Adams, Principal of Charleston College.
The Rev. Mellish J. Motte, Deacon.
The Rev. George W. Doane, Professor of Belles Lettres and Oratory in Washington College, Connecticut.
The Rev. Reuben Sherwood, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Connecticut.

The Church in this Diocess consists of, the Bishop, 28 Presbyters, 11 Deacons, and 39 organized Congregations.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Charleston, Wednesday, February 16th, 1825.

THE Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocess of South-Carolina, having, by a special Resolution, appointed this day for a stated meeting thereof, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy, and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and an appropriate Discourse delivered by the Rev. William Barlow, Rector of Claremont. The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

After these usual Services were over, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen took the Chair, *ex-officio*. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary.

The following Clergy attended, and the following Lay-Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which being read, were approved, and they took their seats accordingly:

St. Michael's—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; David Alexander, the Hon. Samuel Prioleau. Edward Brailsford, M. D. John Bay.

St. Philip's—The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister; Thomas Corbett, John Gadsden.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough—The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector; Edward H. Purcell, Laurence E. Dawson.

Prince George, Winyaw—The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector.

All-Saints, Waccamaw—The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the Rocks—The Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis—The Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector.

St. James', Santee—The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector.

North-Santee, Winyaw—The Rev. Paul T. Keith, Deacon, Minister; Elias Horry, Joseph Manigault

Claremont—The Rev. William Barlow, Rector.

St. Paul's, Stono—The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon, Minister.

St. John's, Colleton—The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, Deacon, Minister. The Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

St. James', Goose Creek—Barnard E Bee.

Christ Church—The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Deacon, Minister.

A Quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Dr. Dalcho was unanimously re-elected,

On motion of the Rev. Edward Rutledge, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Rev. Mr. Barlow for his appropriate and excellent discourse delivered before them this day; and a copy thereof requested for publication in the Gospel Messenger.

On motion, the President appointed the Rev. Henry Gibbes to preach at the opening of the next Convention, and the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt, in case of his failure.

On motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, *Resolved*, that the Episcopal Clergy who may be in the city, and not entitled to seats, and the Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at half past 10 o'clock.

Thursday, February 17th, 1825.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Paul T. Keith, Minister of North Santee, Winyaw.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's, and the Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon, appeared and took their seats.

The following Lay-Delegates, whose Certificates of appointment were, yesterday, read and approved, appeared and took their seats, viz. Hon. William Drayton, William H Gibbes, and Daniel Ravenel, from St. Michael's; Hon. Thomas Waties, from Claremont; Thomas W. Bacot, and Joseph Johnson, M. D. from St. Philip's; and Samuel Wragg, from St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.

The following Lay-Delegates attended, and presented Certificates of their appointment, which were severally read and approved; viz. H. L. Alison, M. D. from St. Paul's, Stono; Thomas A. Coffin, from St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island; Robert Barnwell, from St. Luke's; Col. Thomas Pinckney, from St. Paul's, Pendleton; William B. Pringle, from All-Saints, Waccamaw; F. Withers and John Porter, jun from Prince George, Winyaw.

Conformably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church," the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, delivered the following Address:

My Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity,

THE statement which it is my duty to make to you on this occasion, of the occurrences and transactions of the year, in which as members of this Convention we are interested, needs not any long suspension of its business. The Churches, besides those in the city, in which according to the requisitions of the Canon, I have officially ministered, since your last meeting, are Christ Church, Christ Church Parish, St. John's Church, Edisto, St. John's, John's Island, and St. John's, Berkley, the Church at North Santee, St. Helena's Church, Beaufort; St. Helena's Church, St. Helena Island; and St. Luke's Parish Church. In

the last instance of visitation duty mentioned, a new building erected near the original Parish Church, on ground given for the purpose, by John Gilerard, Esq. was consecrated. This edifice has been erected by a liberal effort of pious zeal on the part of the members of this Parish; and is an honourable memorial of the efficacy of the ministry among them, as well as of a reverence for the sanctuary, which a too parsimonious appropriation of the ability held at the hands of the Lord of the Sanctuary, could not satisfy. It is hoped, that the Rev Mr. Van Pelt, now the Rector of this Parish, will in future be enabled to spend as well the Summer as the Winter months among its people; and thus enhance to them the value of his already much esteemed services. Christ Church Parish, which when I visited it, was served by occasional missionary ministrations, has since engaged, more statedly, the services of the Rev. Mr. F. H. Rutledge. Confirmation was administered, on my visiting them, in St. John's Church, Edisto Island, St. Helena's, Beaufort, and St. Helena's, St. Helena Island, and in St. Luke's Church. The same rite has been administered also, in the course of the year, in St. Philip's, St. Paul's, and St. Michael's Churches in this city. The whole number of persons on these several occasions confirmed, is 107. At Beaufort, Mr. Edward Neufville was ordained a Deacon. Other persons admitted within the year to the same order of the ministry, are Charles Elliott, Paul Trapier Keith, Philip Gadsden, Edward Thomas, George W. Hathaway, and Isaac Low. The two last mentioned persons had not been candidates for the ministry in this Diocess. Their ordination here was authorized, in the case of Mr Hathaway, by letters dimissory from Bishop Ravencroft; and in that of Mr. Low, by testimonials addressed to me from the Standing Committee of New-York; the Bishop of that Diocess being absent on account of his health; concerning which, as a matter in which we cannot but feel ourselves greatly interested, it is grateful to have learned, that recent intelligence has gladdened his anxious Diocess; and the hope is authorized that he will soon resume his important duties.

Mr. Hathaway has accepted an appointment to serve the Church at Cheraw, in the stead of the Rev. Mr. Wright, who has been obliged by the want of compensation adequate to the support of a numerous family, to discontinue his ministry in that station. Mr. Low has undertaken to serve the Church, at St. Simon's, in Georgia.

Candidates received within the year, are Mr. Aaron Dexter, and Mr. Richard S. Green. These, with such as have been before reported, and not yet ordained, make the whole number of candidates now belonging to the Diocess, to be five.

Of changes which have occured since our last meeting, I have first to refer, with a sorrow of which you all cannot but be partakers, to that occasioned by the death of the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, Rector of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, and Professor of Mathematics in Charleston College. He fell, among the many victims of pestilence, in October last; and the Church of which he was Rector, has wept in his death, the loss of a pious, able and much esteemed and respected minister. Indeed, not to that particular congregation and community only, but to our Church and Society in general, his loss is greater than I can express. He was in every relation and character which Providence had given him to sustain,

well entitled to the esteem he so largely enjoyed. As the father of a family, as a minister of Christ, and as an instructer of youth, his death has been, and must continue to be deeply felt, and reasonably deplored. But, while we indulge a chastened sorrow on account of the calamity which it has pleased the Lord to bring upon our Church, in the removal of this estimable and valued brother, let us not be unmindful of the goodness, which has exempted our Church, as to its Clergy, so generally, from the afflictions of the year; and permitted an enlargement of their number, under circumstances encouraging to our hopes, of their increased collective usefulness and honour. The removal of the Rev. Mr. Adams, lately Professor of Mathematics in Brown University, into this Diocess, and the addition of six other Clergymen to our number by ordination, are pleasing circumstances, well calculated to affect comfortably, the mind, which as to the condition and character of our Church, looks with solicitude to the future. Mr. Adams has been appointed Principal of Charleston College, and the persons recently ordained are, with the exception of Mr. Keith, who has been appointed to serve the Church at North Santee, employed under arrangements made by the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity. The Rev. Mr. Taylor has removed from North Santee to the Church on John's Island. No other removal has taken place within the year, among our parochial ministers.

The provision which was mentioned to you at the last Convention, for the accommodation of the *poor* of our Communion in the City, at public worship, has been since completed; and the Church which you were informed was building, having been consecrated, is in regular use by a minister acting in the capacity of Domestic Missionary, and a congregation, which his assiduous and faithful services have induced to attend statedly there, the offices of our Church's worship.

The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, continues usefully to prosecute the objects of its institution. It has suffered with most other institutions of charity from the pecuniary embarrassment which has characterised the last few years; but has, nevertheless, been able to extend important aid to the Church, in several places. If, in the present year, its aid should, in some instances, be withheld from those who have heretofore experienced its benefits, it will be through no diminution of its good will towards them, but through the absolute necessity of a discrimination, by which, of demands upon its bounty, a selection is made of those which seemed to have their foundation, in a need the most urgent, because otherwise entirely incapable of relief. Missionary services are now, by its means, extended to some of the middle districts of the state, to Pendleton and Cheraw in the upper, and to several places in the lower. Let me be permitted again earnestly to solicit for this Society, the patronage of all members of our Church, who hitherto have not been contributors, either by annual or life subscription to its funds. It has been instrumental of great good, and would be of more, if its claims were noticed according to their plain, unquestionable, intrinsic merit.

It is proper that I take this occasion to mention, that by an act of the legislature at its last session, the Charter of the Society, has been so alter-

ed, as to authorize and qualify the Trustees, to receive in trust, such funds as may be committed to them, by other corporations. All doubt is thus removed of the safety, reciprocally, between themselves and the vestries of Parishes which had given, or may hereafter give, property into their trust, in order to its being more effectually secured to the purposes of its sacred appropriation.

Is it not desirable, that a committee of this body be appointed, who, together with a committee of the Trustees of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, may consult as to the practicability of rescuing from alienation from all uses of the Church, property, which originally given for them, is now remaining, in some places where the offices of our Church have been for years suspended; and are likely to continue so, from the want of persons sufficient in number for parochial organization?

I will detain you with little in addition to the statement of matters thus in compliance with express requisition laid before you.

Of our General Seminary, it were scarcely allowable that I should make no mention. It has been favoured with your liberal interest in its welfare; and its condition and prospects, at every such meeting as the present, must be to you a subject of solicitude and inquiry. It is grateful to me, to be authorized to report to you respecting these, that they are better than when we last were together here. Important measures wisely adapted to the advancement of the interests of the institution, were adopted by the annual meeting of the Trustees, in July last; and the hopes of its friends are in some happy degree animated. Still there is occasion in contemplating the state of this institution, in reference to the numbers and wealth of the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to apprehend, that either the right steps have not yet been taken to bring its claims duly under their attention, or that it is vain to expect them to act with a common and concentrated feeling, upon subjects the most urgently and worthily demanding it. The Seminary is still inadequately endowed, and is supported more by the disinterested zeal of its faculty, than the liberality of the Church. The purpose adopted of permanently locating it in buildings to be erected for its accommodation in the immediate vicinity of the city of New-York, affords encouragement to hope, that it will soon present itself more conspicuously and intelligibly to all, as an object of safe and satisfactory benefaction. From the known generosity of the enterprising and energetic community, in which its seat is fixed, much is reasonably expected.

It was deemed proper on a former occasion, to recommend to the patronage of the members of our Church, periodical religious publications conducted in NewYork and the Eastern Diocess, as vehicles of useful intelligence and instruction. At the beginning of the last year, a work of that description was undertaken by members of our Church in this city. It has not yet been adequately supported; chiefly it may be presumed, because it has not been generally known. May I be permitted to mention, that the continued publication of such a work among ourselves, is for obvious reasons, much to be desired; and to request for it the countenance and patronage of the members of this body?

I have only further, in concluding, to express as usual to my brethren of the Clergy, the solicitude I feel, that in the business which we in common

have in hand, we may be found faithful. They will bear with me, even should I seem importunate with them on the subject, while I urge the importance of the utmost industry of service in our several places, which circumstances will possibly permit. In some instances the portion of the year is less than the half of it, in which it seems to be regarded safe or necessary, to remain in the scene of duty. In such cases, I need not say, there is not a day to spare, from the most active and efficient occupation of which we are capable; and especially as to the duties of our ministry among those who must, during our absence from them, be without any pastoral instruction and attentions. I am ignorant of the character of no one who is in the exercise of the pastoral functions among us, and I am confident I do not err, in entertaining the assurance, that there is no one to whom it is indifferent, whether all be done that may, within the sphere of his bounden duty, to make his office useful in promoting the divine glory and human happiness. Yet there may be on the part of some of my brethren, yet comparatively inexperienced in the ministry, an unconscious oversight of claims on their pastoral attention, which, on consideration, they will, I am satisfied, in every instance, cordially recognize. People of the humbler descriptions of life, may, in our country-places, not prefer their claim on our notice, by an attendance on the offices we statedly administer. They are not the less, for that reason, entitled to our solicitude and attention Wherever, on inquiry, they are not found to profess themselves to be of other denominations, our duty plainly is, to consider them as subjects of our pastoral care, and to endeavor to make them partakers of the benefits of our ministry They may be found reluctant to attend upon the offices of the Church, and they may be unable to contribute to their support. But these reasons will not excuse us from the manifest duty of interesting ourselves in their moral welfare, and with a view to this, endeavouring to *interest them* in the objects of our ministry. Let us earnestly deprecate the reproach from our Church, that the *rich and the poor should not meet together in it before the Lord, their common maker.*

My brethren of the Laity will indulge me with the liberty to suggest, how much the Clergy in the performance of their duties, need their unwearied kindness and support. They are aware of the difficulties and inconveniences, with which, in some instances, faithful ministers of Christ, have to contend, in the prosecution of their duties. I cannot but be painfully solicitous to see these as much as possible lessened, and am persuaded that no Christian mind can be indifferent that they should be. There is nothing which either as Christians or citizens, we consistently can more earnestly desire, than that the moral efficacy of the ministry may pervade the whole system of society, and be seen upon the character and conduct of all classes of people. I need not detain you, to show that this cannot be, if the provision is withheld, which is necessary to enable those entrusted with it, to perform its duties. In many places of this Diocess, there is a liberality exercised, in making such provision, which, taken in reference to numbers, will scarcely be found in any place, in any other. May its honorable example diffuse its influence, wherever circumstances make it necessary.

N. BOWEN.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Bishop for his address; and the Clergy of the several Churches are requested to read it to their respective Congregations for general information.

The President, on motion, appointed the following gentlemen Delegates to represent the Church in this Diocess, in the next General Convention:

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.
The Rev. Allston Gibbes,
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance,
The Rev. Milward Pogson,
William Heyward,
Gouverneur M. Wilkins,
Hon. William Drayton,
Elias Horry.

The Rules of Order adopted by the Convention of 1823, being read, the Rev. Allston Gibbes moved, that the 9th Rule be amended, by inserting before the word, "Delegate," where it occurs, the words "Minister or."

This motion being agreed to, the Rev. A. Gibbes, then moved the following additional Rule:

"13. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force unless repealed by a vote of the Convention."

The question being taken, the additional Rule was agreed to.

The Rules of Order, thus amended, are as follow:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with the Morning Service of the Church.
2. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The delegation of each Church, shall occupy one pew.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
5. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate.
7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Churches present
8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless it be moved by a Minister or Delegate of one Church, and seconded by a Minister or Delegate of another.
10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on, before any new subject is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the Convention is to adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.
13. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Secretary of the Standing Committee, read the following abstract of their proceedings for the past year:

The Standing Committee, in compliance with a request of the Convention held in 1823, respectfully submit the following abstract of their acts, during the past year, for the information of the Convention:

In discharge of the duties assigned them by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, they have, since the last meeting of the Convention, recommended to the Bishop, to be received as candidates for Holy Orders, Mr. Dexter Leland, late of Edisto Island, and Mr. Richard S. Green, late of Providence, R. I.

They have granted the Canonical testimonials to the following persons, previously recognized as Candidates for Orders, who have been accordingly admitted by the Bishop, to Deacon's Orders, viz. Mr. Charles P. Elliott, of this city, Mr. Edward Neufville, of Prince Williams' Parish, Mr. George W. Hathaway, of Cheraw, Mr. Paul Trapier Keith, of Georgetown, Mr. Philip Gadsden, of this city, and Mr. Edward Thomas, of St. Stephen's Parish.

They have received the following sums collected in behalf of the General Theological Seminary, at New-York, viz: from St. Paul's Church, Pendleton, $24, and from St. Mark's Parish, $17. Amounting to the sum of $41, which has been duly placed to the credit of Mr. Isaac Laurence, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Theological Seminary, in the Office of Discount and Deposit of the United States Bank, in this city.

In compliance with the desire of the last Convention, they have likewise addressed circular letters to the Ministers and Vestries of the several Parishes in this Diocess, respecting the collections recommended to be made in behalf of the General Theological Seminary, the result of which, will, it is presumed, be reported in person by the Ministers and Delegates of the several Parishes.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the President appointed the following Gentlemen, the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	David Alexander,
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Joseph Johnson, M. D.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.	Robert J. Turnbull,
The Rev. Allston Gibbes,	Thomas Lowndes,
The Rev. Christian Hanckell,	Samuel Wragg,

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Resolved, that the President do appoint the usual Committee on the General Theological Seminary. Whereupon the President made the following appointment accordingly:

the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Barlow, Mr. Corbett, Col. Thomas Pinckney, and the Hon. Samuel Prioleau.

On motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, *Resolved*, that the Secretary of the Convention do take measures to procure, as soon as may be, 100 copies of the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of this Diocess, and that he furnish one copy of the same for the use of the Vestry of each Parish, and one copy to each Minister, who may require the same.

The Hon. Judge Waties, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, having been presented to the Bishop, were read:

St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister.

Marriages, 18; of which 8 were of coloured persons.
Baptisms, 48; of which 13 were of coloured persons and children.
Burials, 31.

Communicants. The number has not been again precisely taken. It is believed to be as last reported, viz. about 450; of whom about 110 are coloured persons, and 15 or 16 are Communicants at some seasons of the year in other places. In the course of the year, 12 or 13 of the Communicants of this Church have removed to the Northward; and a few have attached themselves to the Chapel *erected for the accommodation of such as are unable to defray the expense of seats* in other Churches. Four have been removed by death. A number, about equal to that of those by these several causes, taken from the Communicants at this Church, has been added.

The number of families composing this congregation, is believed to be 230; of which 25 or 6, at some seasons, belong to other Congregations. The whole number of white and coloured persons composing this charge, is not less than 1050.

The number of Pews in this Church is less by 23, than that in St. Philip's Church; and by 38 than that in St. Paul's.

The Sunday School consists of 78 Children. It has 5 Male Teachers and 6 Female.

Agreeably to the requisition of the Canon of 1822, a sermon has been preached this year in this Church, on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office, and a collection made in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D Rector.
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms; 23 Adults; 86 Infants.
Marriages, 17.
Burials, 81.

Communicants, 39 Males, 261 Females, and about 215 persons o colour.

Public Catechisings are held by he Ministers in the Church, on about one-third of the Sundays in the year. The number of Children who have attended, has not exceeded one hundred, which we mention as a matter of regret, being so small a proportion of the whole number.

According to the Report of the active Superintendent of our Sunday Schools, it appears, there are 27 Female, and 13 Male Teachers, and of pupils *about* 150 White Children, and 180 Children of colour; and, also, 30 Adults of the same class. He remarks: "There have been but few new "Scholars during the past year, owing to the yellow fever in the summer. "The visiting system adopted two summers ago, has been revived lately, "and on the first Sunday after, 33 new Scholars were added, and a few "of the old Scholars brought back."

Conformably to the Canon passed in 1822, a Sermon has been preached "on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office," and the Vestry have agreed to contribute $250 to the "Common Fund" for the support of the Episcopate

Agreeably to a resolution of the Convention, we report the number of individuals under our charge to be 991 white persons, of whom 131 belong to other Congregations. There are also 45 persons of colour who have seats in Gallery pews. The number of this class who sit in the aisles, we have not yet been able to enumerate, but we estimate them to be about 400. There are thirty-two families of our Congregation, who occasionally attend and assist in supporting another Congregation, and there are four who assist in supporting two other Congregations. Of our new pews, only five have been rented, which is to be attributed to the accommodation afforded by St. Paul's Church, and St. Stephen's Chapel. The advantages afforded by these, have also had the effect of diminishing, in some degree, our Congregation.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector.

Marriages, 5.
Baptisms, 29; of whom 2 were Adults.
Burials, 23.

Communicants, 290, of whom 276 are White Persons, and 14 Coloured.

Number of Pupils in the Sunday School, about 75.

Not understanding the resolution of 1823, requiring a report from the Clergy, of the number of Families and individuals belonging to their respective Congregations, as applicable to the present, or any succeeding year, the Rector has no definite report to make of the number of families in St. Paul's congregation. He can only state, that there have been six or eight families, at least, added to it, since the last meeting of the Convention. A Sermon on the Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office, has been preached. And the Vestry have paid the sum of $150 to the Bishop's "Common Fund," in conformity with the recommendation of the last Convention.

Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector.

Baptisms, 10,
Marriages, 4 of White and 3 Coloured, 7.
Burials, 4.
Communicants, 55 Whites, and 15 Coloured, 70,

Families, resident, 52. Individuals, resident, 201 Whites. Coloured People about 30. Total 231.

Contributions made to the "Bishop's Common Fund," agreeably to the recommendation of the last Convention $75.

St Helena, Beaufort.

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Communicants, have increased since last reported, from 45 to 53, White and Coloured.
Baptisms, 13; of which 2 were Adults.
Burials, 3.

In conformity with the Canon, a Sermon has been preached, and a collection made, in behalf of the Episcopal "Common Fund." The Rector thinks he can, with truth, report favourably of his Parish. The Congregation has been considerably enlarged; and he trusts, there are satisfactory evidences of an increase of real piety.

St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector.

Baptisms; 4 White Children, 1 Black Adult.
Marriages, 5.
Burials, 7.

The number of Communicants has been greatly changed by deaths and removals, so that of white persons, there are now only 25, of whom 18 are town-residents in the summer; and the coloured Communicants are 13, of whom likewise 2 reside in Charleston during the summer.

In compliance with the Canon of 1822, a Sermon has been preached in the Parish Church, and Strawberry Chapel, on the Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office.

The number of Familes, are 22, of which 16 belong to other Parishes, in the summer. These Families are composed of 86 individuals, of whom 66 reside elsewhere, during the sickly season.

St. John's, Colleton.

The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, Deacon; Minister.

Communicants, 24.

Since the recent connexion of the present Minister with this Parish, 3 deaths have occured, and the Rev. Mr. Gervais has officiated at two Baptisms within the year.

The Sermon on the Episcopal Office required by the resolution of the Convention, has been delivered. And this Parish has contributed Fifty Dollars to the Bishop's Common Fund, in conformity to the recommendation of the last Convention.

Christ Church Parish.

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Deacon; Minister.

Communicants; White, 9; Coloured, 25. Total 34.
Baptisms, 2. Burial, 1.

The present Minister's connexion with this Parish, has but recently taken place, and provision not being made for his residence in the Parish, he has it not in his power, on this occasion, to make a more full report.

St. Paul's Parish, Stono.

The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon; Minister.

Marriages, 3.
Baptisms, 6.
Communicants, 10.
Families, 13.

Contribution made to the Bishop's "Common Fund," $20, conformably to the recommendation of the last Convention.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

Baptisms, 14 Whites; 20 Blacks. Total 34.
Burials, 10
Marriages, 5.
Communicants; Whites, 27; Blacks, 26. Total 53.

No material alteration in the number of Families or Individuals.
Sunday School at Walterborough, about 36 Children.

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector.

Baptisms, Adults 2, Infants, 14. Total 16.
Marriages, 2. Communicants, 30.

It is cause of devout thankfulness to the giver of all good, that, the state of the Church in this Parish, continues much the same as reported to the last Convention.

The new building which was then represented as erecting for Divine Worship, has been completed; and presents an evidence of the increasing zeal of the Episcopalians in this quarter.

It will not, perhaps, be considered altogether unnecessary to mention that the Rector has determined to extend his services throughout the year, provided, suitable arrangements be made for his summer residence. In this event, Grahamville Pine Land (the retreat of at least twenty-five Families) will become the exclusive field of his labours, from the 1st of June, to the last of October.

At a late meeting of the Vestry, it was resolved, that the services of their Minister, which have hitherto been regularly rendered at Coosawhatchie, should be suspended; and that his time be equally divided between Grahamville and the Church near May River.

The number of Episcopal Families in this Parish, is thirty-five.

It has been deemed inexpedient at present, to comply with the request of the Convention, relative to the General Theological Seminary.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector.

Baptisms, 2 Adult People of Colour.
Marriage, 1.
Communicants, 19. Five having been added the last year.
Burials, none. Families, about 20.

The Vestry having assumed the payment of the contribution recommended by the last Convention, for the Bishop's "Common Fund," no Sermon was preached, or collection made for it. An agent having been appointed, who made collections, and obtained subscriptions for the Theological Seminary, no Sermon was preached, as it is thought all has been given or subscribed, that can be for the present obtained.

Hilton Head.

The Rev. P. Mathews, Visiter.

Marriage, 1. Funeral, 1.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector.

Baptisms, 9. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4.
Communicants, 40.

Families, 41, comprising 153 persons, exclusively of a large proportion of young ladies and gentlemen, connected with the Female Academy, and the South-Carolina College, who regularly attend the services of the Church.

The Sunday School, attached to this Church, (the object of which is, in common with the kindred institutions by which it is surrounded, the cultivation of the *intellectual* and *moral* powers of the youthful mind,) we cannot but regret to state, is not in as flourishing a condition the present year, as it was the preceeding. Every exertion, however, is making to restore this School to the respectable standing, which it once so eminently

sustained; and to make it, by the blessing of God, as useful in future to the Children, both of the rich and poor, as it formerly was.

For the Bishop's "Common Fund," no collection has been made: but in lieu thereof, the Vestry have resolved to pay the sum which it was proposed by the last Convention, that this Church should contribute to that fund, as its proportion.

No Sermon has been preached, or collection made, in aid of the Theological Seminary; the demands on the Congregation, in consequence of the recent improvements made on the Church, not seeming to warrant on the part of the Rector, a procedure which, under other circumstances, he would gladly have adopted.

The building in which the Congregation assemble to worship God, has been considerably enlarged and improved, within the last few months. Eighteen pews have been added, making in all 61. The building is also enclosed by a new, neat, and substantial brick wall.

Claremont, Stateburgh.

The Rev. William Barlow, Rector.

Baptisms, Infants, 8. Adults, (persons of colour) 19. Total 27.
Marriages, 3.
Burials, 2.
Communicants, of White Persons, 24; Coloured, 7. Total 31.

A Sermon has been preached on the "Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office," according to the requisition of the Canon, and a collection made. Amount $24.

The Sermon and Collection for the benefit of the Theological Seminary, have been postponed, by request, with a view to the adoption of measures for making the contribution more liberal.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector.

Marriages, 4.
Baptisms, 7 White, and 3 Coloured; of the latter, one was Adult.
Deaths, 2.
Communicants, 9. Of this number, three have been added since the last report.

Number of Families, about 13 or 14. These contribute to the support of the Church. There are others who occasionally attend, but who render no assistance in the support of a Clergyman.

The Sunday School was continued the last summer, as usual. The number of Scholars is small. There are many difficulties in the way of a rapid increase, particularly among the *poor*, of this neighbourhood. "Line upon line; here a little, and there a little," it is hoped, with the blessing of God, will gradually remove these obstacles.

The resolution of the last Convention, recommending a contribution to the Bishop's "Common Fund," has been attended to by the Vestry of this Church. They have determined to meet the views of the Conven-

tion, for the last year; they really believe, that half of the sum recommended, would be a liberal contribution from a Congregation, consisting of 13 or 14 Families.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the Rocks.

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister.

Baptisms, 1 Adult, 12 White, and 1 Coloured.
Marriage, 3.
Burials, 8.
Communicants, 48 White Persons, and 2 of Colour; 2 have died in the last year.

Families, 49; of these 39 are constant Residents, 10 only half the year.
Individuals, 222, 39 half the year.
Families who attend occasionally, about 12, individuals 40. Communicants, 7—3 have died, and 1 has been added.
The Sunday School has 4 Teachers, 3 Females and 1 Male of the Congregation, and about 14 Scholars.

St. Mark's, Williamsburgh.

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Visiter.

Baptisms, 6.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

The Rev. Edward Rutledge, Rector.

The number of Families in this Parish, is 20.
Communicants, 10
There have been 2 Persons Baptised, 1 an Adult, the other an Infant.

Only four Families belong exclusively to the Church here, the remainder being likewise members of the City Congregations.
The Church is new and in good order, and the worshippers at the Chapel have liberally come forward, to repair the Chapel of ease, which has been, for some years, in a state of comparative decay.
A Sermon has been preached on the Episcopal Office, and the contribution recommended by the last Convention, will be paid to the Treasurer, as soon as the Secretary of the Vestry arrives in Town. No Sermon was delivered on the subject of the Theological School, because all the Parishioners, who could aid that valuable Institution, being attached to the Churches in Charleston, had heard its claims enforced already, and also, because the opportunities for public worship in the Parish, are so few, that other topics seemed more pressing, and demanded precedence.

St. James, Santee.

The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector.

Baptisms, 6. Marriage, 1. Communicants, 13. Burial, 1. Families, 28. Individuals, 117. 42 of whom are attached to Congregations in the City.

A Sermon has been preached on the "Nature and Duties of the Episcopal Office," but no Collection made in aid of the fund for the support of the Episcopate.

All-Saints, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector.

Burial, 1. Marriage, 1.

Communicants, 16; two having removed from the Parish, one having died, and one been added during the last year.

There are 22 Families in this Parish, one of which resides, during a portion of the year, in Prince George's, Winyaw. These consist of 48 Adults, and 26 Children, making in all 74 souls. There are two Churches in this Parish, at which divine Service is held in regular rotation. In making this report, the Rector is happy to state, that the claim of St. Michael's Church, to the co-operation of the country Parishes, in the support of an Assistant Minister, in consideration of her "willing surrender of the services of her Rector, to her sister Churches"—which claim, had not heretofore been admitted, has during the last year, been acknowledged by the Vestry, and that they have adopted as their proportion of the amount, to be raised for this purpose, the contribution recommended by the last Convention.

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. Edward Neufville, Deacon, Missionary.

The prospects of this portion of our Church, are highly flattering.—The Congregation generally, is composed of Christians of different denominations, is numerous, and attentive, and highly gratified with the services of the Church. On one occasion, there attended about 150 White Persons, and the same number of Coloured. There are 14 Families of Episcopalians, consisting of about 50 persons.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, a Vestry has been organized, and arrangements have been made, for repairing the long neglected ruins of Sheldon Church.

In Prince William's, I have Baptised only one Infant. There are several other candidates for this holy rite, to whom it is proposed soon to administer it.*

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* The following Reports were received by the Secretary *five days after the adjournment* of the Convention. As they cannot be placed on the Journal, they are annexed as matter of interesting information. The XLVth Canon of the General Convention, requires the Parochial Clergy to "present or forward" their Reports, "to the Bishop," not to the Secretary, "at every Annual Convention," in sufficient time, to "be read, and entered on the Journals." A Canon on this subject, has, likewise, been passed at our late Convention.

EDISTO ISLAND.

The Rev. Thomas Osborne, Rector.

Baptisms, 15, all Children. Communicants, about 33. Deaths, 6.
Families in the Winter Season, 23, and in the Summer, 26. Individuals, 138.

On motion of Col. Drayton, Resolved, that the payment of $50 made by the Rev. Mr. Gervais, be entered for the year 1824; *i. e.* from February 1824 to February 1825, inclusive.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, from the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, made the following report:

The Committee of the General Theological Seminary, believing that it must be interesting to all the friends of the Church, to mark the progress of this valuable institution, and that it may be useful to encourage the reasonable solicitude which is entertained on this subject, would respectfully submit to the Convention, such particulars as they have been able to collect.

We understand, that there are at present 28 Students at the Seminary, two of them from this Diocess. There are only three other candidates for Orders here, one of them, it is expected, will soon avail himself of the great opportunities for improvement offered by that institution. In the last report of the faculty, after remarking, "that the number of pupils is small, compared with the whole number of candidates," and expressing their "regret, that the want of pecuniary aid obliges so many to content themselves with a private education;" they say that "they hope it will not be considered indecorous if they suggest the great benefit which would accrue to the cause of religion, and of our Church, if the larger and more wealthy of our congregations were to support one Student annually at the Seminary. They hope too, that experience will justify them in expressing the opinion, that to extend the term of candidateship from one year, as now required by the Canons, to three, would promote, in a very high degree, the interests of the Seminary. For it is a fact, that but few young men can be induced to spend three years in the Seminary, if there is a probability of their receiving Orders after a shorter term of probation; and hence it is, that our first classes, and our second, at the close of the second session, are so small."

The gentleman, Mr. G. C. Verplanck, who acted gratuitously as Professor of Moral Science, and the Evidences of Christianity, has been elected a member of Congress, but we indulge the hope, that he will con-

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In consequence of much inconvenience having been heretofore experienced from a want of suitable accommodations, for public worship in Edingsville, (the Summer retreat) the Episcopal Congregation, with a zeal and liberality highly meritorious, have become the exclusive proprietors of a spacious and handsome edifice, which, in the course of last Summer had been erected, with a view to the mutual accommodation of themselves, and the Independents of Edisto. Since the erection of this Building, Divine Service has been regularly performed both morning and evening; and owing to the very laudable exertions of a few pious young men, the children of the Congregation, are instructed every Sunday morning in the Church catechism, and such other religious exercises, as tend to improve the mind and purify the heart. It is intended, as soon as some internal arrangements shall have been completed, to give information to the Bishop, of a general desire to have the Church in Edingsville, consecrated by the name of "St. Stephen's," whenever it may suit his convenience to visit the Island.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PENDLETON.

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Rector.

Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Baptisms, 13. Communicants, 15.

tinue his relation to our Seminary, and his late valuable publication must unavoidably increase our solicitude on this subject. Another of our Professors has also favoured the Theological Student with a very learned work entitled, "Notes on the Epistle to the Romans."

At the annual meeting of the Trustees in July, it was resolved, that a suitable building should be erected so soon as the sum of $10,000 could be collected. We have reason to believe, that the greater part of this sum has been obtained.

The Rev. Robert B. Croes, has evinced his gratitude to the institution at which he was educated, by devoting himself for a considerable term to the useful office of collector, agreeably to the request of the Trustees. He has obtained subscriptions in North-Carolina, to the amount of $2,300, in Maryland, to the amount of $5,200, in South-Carolina, to the amount of $2,782. The whole amount collected by him since October, 1823, has been about $10,000, besides $7000 not yet paid.

Of the subscription on his book, in our Diocess, there has been paid $1,475, and there remains unpaid $1,307*

We have the great satisfaction to report, that the Bishop Dehon Scholarship, founded by the Ladies of this Diocess, in testimony at once of their attachment to a revered name to that Church which he loved, is now in a condition to be immediately useful. The amount invested for this fund is $3,025.

Conformably to the resolution, passed last year by the Convention, the Parishes, in which Sermons had never been preached in aid of the Seminary, were addressed on that subject, reports from which have just been submitted to the Convention, and are not in possession of the Committee.

As the object of the Sermon is to excite an interest in favour of the Seminary, as well as to precede a collection, we recommend, that the Sermons should be preached, to be followed by collections, as soon as convenient, in those Parishes in which they have not yet been, with a view of diffusing information as to the intentions of the Church, in relation to this object, and as to the present situation of the Seminary; and that the Standing Committee, be requested to address the Ministers and Vestries on the subject.

We also would recommend, that the Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocess, should not "without great cause and necessity" pursue their

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* Amount collected by the Rev. Robert B. Croes, April, 1824.

	Subscribed.	*Unpaid.*	*Paid.*
†Charleston,	$1,023 60	$242	$781 60
St. Paul's, Stono,	76	25	51
St. Bartholomew's,	5	0	5
Beaufort,	300	155	145
St. Helena Island,	173	85	88
St. Lukes,	130	50	80
Edisto,	65	55	10
†Georgetown,	955	695	260
Pineville,	55	0	55
Total	$2,782 60	$1,307	$1,475 60

† In these places, collections had been previously made by Bishop Brownel.

studies at any other place than the Seminary, and we would ask leave to express a wish, that those Candidates who might be hindered by their circumstances, should be assisted with a loan, by the pious liberality of their respective Congregations.

Lastly, we recommend, that there be instituted, under the direction of this Convention, a scholarship to be called the "*Bishop Bowen Scholarship*;" and that, for carrying this purpose into effect, a person shall be appointed in each Parish, who shall act in the recess of the Convention, and report to the next meeting. In favor of this measure, we deem it necessary only to remark, that the effect of the Scholarships which may be instituted, will be, to relieve our Society for the Advancement of Christianity, from the expense of assisting indigent Candidates for Orders, and thus enabling that Society to apply its efforts to the other valuable purposes for which it was instituted, and in particular, that of sending forth Missionaries, for whom there is an increasing demand in our Diocess.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lance, *Resolved*, that the Report be accepted; and that in order to carry the recommendation of the Committee into effect, the Delegates present in Convention, do nominate to the President, one person from each Parish, and that the President do make the appointment for such Parishes as are not represented in this Convention.

Whereupon, the following appointments were made by the President accordingly:

St. Michael's—William H. Gibbes, *Chairman*,
St. Philip's—Thomas S. Grimke,
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough—Edward H. Purcell,
Prince George, Winyaw—Col. John Porter,
All Saints, Waccamaw—John H. Tucker,
St. John's, Colleton—Rev. Mr. Taylor,
St. Paul's, Stono—Rev. Mr. Wilson,
St. Luke's—William Heyward,
St Helena Island—Dr. C. W. Capers,
Claremont—Dr. W. W. Anderson,
St. Stephen's—Rev. Mr. Campbell,
St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Hon. Alfred Huger,
St. James', Santee—C. C. Pinckney, jun.
North Santee, Winyaw—Elias Horry,
St. James', Goose Creek—Barnard E. Bee,
St. Paul's, Pendleton—Lewis Gibbs,
St Helena, Beaufort—Edward Barnwell,
St. John's, Berkley—Isaac Ball,
Christ Church—Dr. P. Weston,
St. Bartholomew's—Jacob Warley,
Edisto Island—Rev. Mr. Osborne,
Columbia—Wade Hampton, jun.
St. Matthew's—Col. Edward Richardson,
St. Mark's, Clarendon—Matthew James,
St. Mark's, Williamsburgh—Mr. Frierson,
Sullivan's Island—Hon. Judge Huger,
St. Andrew's—Arthur Middleton,
Cheraw—Mr Harrington,
Prince Williams—Hon. Judge Colcock.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lance, Resolved, that this Convention highly approve of the Gospel Messenger, a Religious Magazine, published monthly by members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Charleston, and recommend it to the patronage and support of Episcopalians in this Diocess.

The following Resolution was moved by Mr. John Gadsden:

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed, who shall be empowered, during the recess, in conjunction with a Committee appointed on the part of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, to inquire into the state of any property heretofore belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State, in any Parishes where there are no Vestries or Trustees having charge thereof, and to adopt such measures as may be necessary to secure the possession of the same, to the Board of Trustees of the said Society, in trust for the use of the Churches in the said Parishes respectively, or with the consent of the Episcopalians in the Parish, to the assistance of some other Parish, in which a Congregation is organized; and that they report to the next Convention.

It was moved by Col. Pinckney to amend the Resolution, by striking out all between the word "necessary," and the word "and". The question being taken, the motion was lost.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Lance, to strike out all between the word "respectively," and the word "and." The motion was lost.

The question was then taken on the original Resolution of Mr. Gadsden, and agreed to. The President then, on motion, appointed the following Committee: John Gadsden, Col. John Porter, jun. and Robert Barnwell.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow, at half past 10 o'clock.

Friday, February 18th, 1825.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Edward Thomas.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following Lay-Delegates, whose certificates of appointment were read on Wednesday and approved, appeared and took their seats; viz. the Hon. Judge Colcock, and Frederick G. Fraser, from Prince Williams' Parish. William Read, M. D. from St. Michaels.

Col. Drayton, from the Committee appointed by the last Convention, to confer with a Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, on the power of that Society to hold Funds in Trust, made the following Report:

The Committee appointed by the Convention to confer with a Committee, appointed by the Protestant Episcopal Society, upon the subject of

the powers of that Society over funds, committed to it in trust by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in South-Carolina, Report, that the act under which the Protestant Episcopal Society is incorporated, grants to it no authority to hold any property real or personal, in trust, for other corporations or for individuals, and as the exercise of such an authority is not indispensably requisite for the execution of the powers vested in it, your Committee are of opinion, that the Protestant Episcopal Society in receiving and managing such trust-funds assumes a power which it does not legally possess, the consequences of which might be, either a forfeiture of its charter for misuser, or an individual responsibility incurred by its members, for usurpation; and whatever might be the effect, your Committee think that no redress could be had against the Society in its corporate capacity, for any species of neglect or misfeasance in the management of property held by it in trust.

Your Committee further report, that in their conference with the Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Society, the foregoing views and reasons were stated and discussed. Your Committee are unable to say whether that Committee concurred with them; but its members were unanimously of opinion, that it would be expedient to apply to the Legislature for an amendment of the Charter of the Protestant Episcopal Society, so as to obtain a specific power and authority to receive and manage any trust-funds confided to it for the advancement of the objects of its institution; and your Committee recommend, until such an amendatory act shall be passed, that the Protestant Episcopal Churches do discontinue to transfer any property in trust to the Protestant Episcopal Society*

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* Extract from the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees, at the anniversary of the Society, January 6th, 1825.

"After a conference between the Committees, it was concluded to be the prudent course, under the doubts which had been expressed, that the Society should apply to the Legislature for an amendment to its Charter, by which express authority should be given, to hold property in trust, for purposes consistent with its design. The application was accordingly made, and an Act passed at the late sitting of the Legislature, amending the Charter in the manner desired."—*Page* 10.

The following is a copy of the Act:

STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

At a General Assembly begun to be holden at Columbia, on Monday the twenty-second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, and from thence continued by divers adjournments to the seventeenth day of December in the same year.

An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christiany in South-Carolina, have by their petition, represented that it is desirable for said Institution to possess the power and right to become Trustees, for the preservation and improvement of funds dedicated to charitable or pious uses by associations, or individuals having in view, objects the promotion of which must, contribute essentially to the fulfillment of the ends of the Society, viz: the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, upon the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and, whereas, it is reasonable and expedient, that such authority should be granted to the said body politic, as being consistent with the end of its Institution:

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The Annual Report of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina* was read; and is as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,* submit their Treasurer's Statements of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds for the past year.

The receipts on account of the Permanent Fund, it will be seen, have been confined, with the exception of a subscription of $20, to the interest and dividends on its stock; three-fourths of the amount of which have been transferred to the credit of the Common Fund, in pursuance of the resolution of the Convention, of February, 1818. The balance in the Treasurer's hands, is $311 06.

The Stock of the Fund is the same as at the date of the last report; no purchase having been made, in consequence of the doubts which existed, respecting the style, in which investments of moneys held by the Society in Trust ought to be made. The Board have now the pleasure of stating, that in conformity with the recommendation of the Committees of the Convention and of this Board, appointed to confer on the subject, an application was made to the Legislature at its late session, for an amendment to the Charter of the Society, enabling it to hold property in its corporate name, in trust for objects consistent with its design; and that an act was passed conferring the authority desired As soon as an authentic copy of this act is received, the balance in the Treasurer's hands will be invested; and the Stock now held by the Trustees, in trust, will be transferred to the corporate name of the Society, in trust.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Society, either by an act of the said Society itself, at any regular or special meeting, or of its corporate agents, the Board of Trustees, at any like meeting, to accept and execute the office of Trustee, for and on behalf of any other association, whether corporate or not, but being a part of, or connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and having for the end of their Institution, objects and views consistent with the character of the Episcopal Church, as a religious community, and with the purposes and field of usefulness, prescribed to the said Society, for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina; and that it shall, in like manner, be lawful for the said Protestant Episcopal Society, to become Trustees for the preservation and improvement of such funds as have been, or may hereafter be dedicated to pious or charitable uses by individuals, provided such uses shall be consistent with the character of said Church, and with the plan of said Society; and *provided likewise,* that the said Society and its corporate agents, the Board of Trustees, shall have no other control over said funds, whether principal or interest, than may be delegated to them by the person or association confiding the same to them.

In the Senate House, the seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and in the forty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JACOB BOND I'ON, *President of the Senate.*

JOHN B. O'NEALL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The following Contributions have been made to the Bishop's Common Fund, during the past year, viz :

By	St. Philip's,	$250,	
"	St. Michael's,	140,	
"	St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,	110,	88
"	St. John's, Colleton,	50,	
"	Prince George, Winyaw,	75,	
"	St. Luke's,	40,	
"	St. Paul's, Stono,	20,	
"	St. Paul's, Pendleton,	30,	
"	St. Helena Island,	30,	
"	North Santee,	30,	
"	St. Thomas and St. Dennis,	30,	
"	St. James', Goose Creek,	20,	
"	St. Andrew's,	10,	
"	Claremont,	20,	
		855	88
	Deduct part of the contribution of St. John's, Colleton, credited in the account for the year ending February, 1824, by mistake,	30	
		825	88
	Bishop's Permanent Fund, three-fourths of its income during the year,	293	44
		$1119	32*

Their contributions amounting to the sum of $825 88, which, with $293 44—the three-fourths of the income of the Permanent Fund, transfered to the credit of the Common Fund, makes the total amount of the latter for the past year, $1119 32.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President.

February 18, 1825.

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* Since the adjournment of the Convention, the following sums have been received on the same account: viz.

From St. Helena, Beaufort,	$50,	
" St. David's, Cheraw,	10,	
" St. Michael's, Charleston, this sum, which with $140, above stated, makes its contribution $350, as recommended by the last Convention,	210	

Besides which, the following Churches have signified their assent to the recommendation of the last Convention, but have not yet forwarded their contributions, viz.

Trinity Church, Columbia,
St. Mark's, Clarendon,
All Saints, Waccamaw.

It is understood, that St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, will comply with the recommendation of the Convention.

Charleston, 1st March, 1825.

The Book containing the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Society, for the Trust Funds, was laid upon the Secretary's table, for the inspection of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, the Report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Gervais then moved, that the Secretary do write to the Parishes and Churches which have not contributed to the Bishop's "Common Fund," in conformity with the recommendation of the last Convention, and request a written answer upon the subject.

Mr. Prioleau moved to amend the Resolution, by striking out the word "Secretary," and inserting the words "Committee appointed on the same subject last year;" which being agreed to, the question was taken on the Resolution thus amended and carried. The Committee consists of Messrs. Robert J. Turnbull, Thomas Lowndes, Dr. Joseph Johnson, David Alexander, and Major Samuel Wragg.

The Treasurer having laid his Accounts before the Convention, Mr. Bay and Mr. Ravenel were appointed a Committee to examine them. The Committee soon after reported. that they had found the Treasurer's Accounts correct, and that there remains a balance in his hand, of $150 90; which report was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor, moved that the following Canon be adopted; which being read, was unanimously agreed to:

CANON,

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocess shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver, or transmit, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the 1st January preceding; specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held, the number of Families, Communicants, Adults, and Children under 14 years, attending, or belonging to the same, the number Catechized by him, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of Children, and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care: which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the 45th General Canon.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, submitted for the consideration of the next Convention, the following amendment to the fourth Article of the Constitution: after the word "Church," to insert, "and every Minister of the same engaged in some College or incorporated Academy."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Resolved, that the Convention of this Diocess have witnessed with satisfaction, the successful result which has attended the efforts of their brethren of the Diocess of Connecticut, in the establishment of an *Episcopal* College in the City of Hartford; and do hereby recommend said College to Episcopalians, as affording an opportunity of educating their sons under the direction of

members of their own Church, and under the happy influences of her Institutions and Liturgy.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Barlow, Resolved, that the next meeting of the Convention be held on the *last Wednesday of January* next.

Ordered, that 350 copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the President and Secretary for their respective services.

It was then moved by Col. Drayton to adjourn; and, after Prayers by the Bishop, and the Blessing, the Convention adjourned accordingly.

NATHANIEL BOWEN,

President.

Attest,

FREDERICK DALCHO,

Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE Diocess of South-Carolina.

WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, that the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocess, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon, by the preceding Convention ; but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed ; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

Of Lay-Delegates.

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocess, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention : The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper; to serve twelve months from the time of election ; who shall before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

ARTICLE III.

Of Ministers.

The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be *ex-officio*, a member, or members. of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches ; but the right to

vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Missionaries.

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church employed in this Diocess, with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocess shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer..

A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, and who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the Members

shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church having one vote), and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote) and a majority of both orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgement, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interests, of the Church may require. And he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

ARTICLE XI.

Committees of Correspondence.

The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee, of the situation of their respective Churches; and generally, such other things, as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the Diocess.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocess, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocess, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocess, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

ARTICLE XIII.

Chartered Rights of Churches.

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General, or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocess, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Delegates to the General Convention.

To the intent that the Church in this Diocess should not be unrepresented in General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocess; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

ARTICLE XV.

Of Rites and Ceremonies.

"The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," shall be used in the Churches of this Diocess.

ARTICLE XVI.

How the Constitution shall be Altered.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.

CANON 1.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocess, or his Assistant, shall, at such time as he may deem proper, preach, annually, in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office; and at such time the Vestries of the Churches in which such Sermons shall be preached, are requested to make a collection in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual subscription.—*Passed* 1822.

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

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